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SEN. SCHAUER ANNOUNCES PLAN TO HELP JACKSON AND ALBION AREA WORKERS DURING MASS LAYOFFS

Special arrangement will bring state help to Jackson area on as-needed basis following closing of Jackson unemployment office

LANSING – State Sen. Mark Schauer (D-Calhoun, Jackson counties) announces that an arrangement has been reached with the state’s unemployment insurance program to help Jackson and Albion area workers who lose their jobs during large layoffs.

“Last winter, our office helped dozens of residents with their unemployment claims due to snafus with the state’s automated claims system,” Schauer said. “The state’s phone system is working better, but now the local office has closed. Folks still need the opportunity to speak face-to-face with someone who can help, so this new arrangement will bring additional help to the community when large layoffs occur. My office will still offer assistance on a case-by-case basis to anyone who needs it, but now our area has another resource.”

Businesses anticipating large layoffs can contact Sen. Schauer Office’s at 517.373.2426. His office will then work with them and the Bureau of Workers’ & Unemployment Compensation to arrange for the bureau’s staff to take workers’ claims for unemployment benefits locally.

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Unemployed workers can also file unemployment claims through the Internet by visiting www.michigan.gov/bwuc or by mail. Unemployment claims applications are available at *Michigan Works!* agencies and online.

The bureau also offers a toll-free hotline to answer questions regarding unemployment claims. The hotline number is 800.638.3995 and is available Mon.-Fri. from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Schauer is the Senate Democratic Floor Leader. He represents the 19th Senate District, which includes all of Calhoun County and most of Jackson County.

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